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SHANGHAI RUBBER PLANTS CURTAIL
CIVILIAN PRODUCTION TO MEET NEW GOVERNMENT GOALS

Shanghai rubber plants have cut down on many of their earlier orders in an effort to meet government demands for increased production in important fields. Such plants include Ta-chung-hua, Cheng-t'ai, Chung-nan, Hua-feng, I-sheng, Min-sheng I-chang, and Chung-kuo. To complete government orders, the Ta-chung-hua and the Cheng-t'ai factories have temporarily stopped producing their brands of rubber boots and tennis shoes. The Hua-feng Plant has decided to reduce the production of raincoat material. The Chung-nan Plant originally intended to increase the production of rubber tires. However, in a new program assigning priority to military production over civilian, the plant has actually decreased its tire production.

Most plants have been able to comply with the government demands for increased production and the government contracts in general have been fulfilled on time. To meet requirements for raincoat material [Note that the Hua-feng plant above has decided to reduce production of this item.] 22 factories have combined capital and erected a plant especially for this kind of cloth. They have completed an order for more than 20,000 bolts of raincoat material.

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